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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the specification as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Amended) A process for associating an apparatus to a first communication network, ~~the~~ with transmissions in the first network being performed on a first channel, wherein [said] the process comprises the steps of:

- [-] (A) detection by said apparatus of the first transmission channel;
- [-] (B) determination of collision on ~~said~~ the first channel between signals originating from the first network and from a second network ;
- [-] (C) in case of collision, transmission of a change of a channel request to the first network.

2. (Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1, ~~furthermore comprises~~ comprising the step of:

- (D) associating the apparatus with a base station of the first network, following non-detection of collision.